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Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., center, speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, in Washington. From left are, Senate Health, Education Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., Baucus, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev.

Associated Press

Dems, White House predict success on health care

ERICA WERNER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's health care overhaul easily cleared the second of three critical procedural Senate votes on Tuesday morning, moving it a step closer to passage by Christmas.

Democrats remained united in their goal of passing the legislation by the holiday, while Republicans were steadfast in opposition.

The United States is the only developed country that lacks universal health care, and health care reform is Obama's top domestic priority.

He has said that he could delay

his holiday trip to Hawaii if he is needed in Washington to deal with last-minute issues. Tuesday's vote involved a procedural move — a motion to shut off debate on a package put together by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. It passed along party lines, 60-39.

The final 60-vote hurdle, which would end debate on the bill itself, is expected Wednesday afternoon, starting a 30-hour countdown to a night-before-Christmas vote on the bill, which needs only a simple majority to pass.

Still, the final outcome remains unpredictable because the Senate measure

must be reconciled with a starkly different — and more liberal — bill already passed by the House of Representatives. That is likely the most difficult step before Obama can sign the legislation into law.

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Officials: House Democrat will switch parties



Rep. Parker Griffith of Alabama discusses his decision to switch from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party during a news conference at his home in Huntsville, Ala., on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009. Parker, a freshman from north Alabama, said Democrats no longer represent the interests of his conservative district.

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Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., left, and Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., center, listen to Senate Minority Whip Jon Kyl of Ariz., during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009.

Associated Press

HEALTH CARE

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The 10-year, nearly \$1 trillion plan before the Senate would extend coverage to some 30 million uninsured Americans, with a new requirement for almost everyone to purchase insurance.

Subsidies would be provided to help lower-income people do so, and businesses would be encouraged to cover their employees through a combination of tax breaks and penalties.

After Tuesday's vote, the White House and Democrats expressed confidence that the reform will be enacted.

"The finish line is in sight," Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, a Democrat, told a press conference with other Senate leaders and cheering supporters. "We're not the first to attempt such reforms but we will be the first to succeed." At the White House, spokesman Robert Gibbs said: "Health care reform is not a matter of if. Health care reform is now a matter of when."

Significant differences between the Senate and House bills include stricter abortion language in the House bill, a new government-run insurance plan in the House bill that's missing from the Senate version, and a tax on high-value insurance plans embraced by the Senate but strongly opposed by many House Democrats.

Senate moderates have served notice they won't support a final deal if government-run insurance comes back. And Democratic abortion opponents in the House say a Senate compromise on the volatile issue is unacceptable.

The Senate has been voting at odd hours because Republicans have insisted on using all the time allowed them under Senate rules to delay the bill. On Tuesday, senators started voting at sunrise.

Reid appealed to his colleagues Tuesday to set aside acrimony during the holiday season and reach for some holiday spirit.

"I would hope everybody will keep in mind that this is a time when we reflect on peace and good things," he said. If Republicans agree, the schedule of votes could be shortened and senators would go home earlier.

There was still no sign partisan fires had cooled.

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham denounced concessions won by conservative Democratic Sen. Ben Nelson, whose support gave Democrats the 60th and final vote they need. Among other things, Nelson got an agreement that the federal government will pay to expand health services for needy families in his state, Nebraska.

Said Graham: "That's not change you can believe in. That's sleazy." He was interviewed on NBC's "Today" show. □

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Three dead as dust storm, snow blast Arizona

By MARK CARLSON
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX – A strong winter storm wreaked havoc in Arizona on Tuesday, leaving at least three people dead in a series of fiery crashes caused by thick, blowing dust on Interstate 10 and shutting down I-40 for hours with slick conditions. One of the dead was a man whose vehicle was rear-ended by his father's truck. The midday I-10 wrecks, about 40 miles south of Phoenix near Casa Grande, left the eastbound lanes littered with the smoldering remains of several big rigs, passenger cars and vans. Both directions of the freeway connecting Tucson to Phoenix were closed for hours as crews freed the injured and dead from the tangled wreckage.

Along I-40 west of Flagstaff, dozens of cars and trucks were involved in collisions or slid off the highway as snow began falling Tuesday afternoon. A stretch of the highway between Williams and Ash Fork was closed intermittently. Snowy and slippery conditions were also reported on I-17 north of Sedona. The crashes near Casa Grande and a second set a dozen miles further south near Pichaco were

triggered by dust kicked up from nearby farm fields. Dust and thick gray smoke from burning vehicles billowed across the flat sprawl of farms and desert.

In all, 22 vehicles were involved in the crashes, including nine commercial trucks. Five people were severely hurt and nine suffered lesser injuries requiring hospital trips.

Edgar Ivan Medina Vargas of Iowa City, Iowa, was among those killed.

He slowed suddenly because of the dust storm, and his pickup truck was struck from behind by his father's large commercial truck, said Arizona Department of Public Safety spokesman Bart Graves.

Also killed were a brother and sister in a Jeep, Mark and Katie Eide of Casa Grande. He was 14 and she was 17, Graves said.

The westbound lanes of I-10 were reopened by midafternoon, but state engineers will need to inspect the eastbound lanes before allowing traffic to resume, said Officer Robert Bailey, a Department of Public Safety spokesman.

"ADOT engineers have to get out there and examine the pavement and see if it's OK to be driven on after these fires," Bailey said. □



A multiple-vehicle collision caused by blowing dust is seen Tuesday Dec. 22, 2009 on Interstate 10 in Casa Grande, Ariz. sudden dust storm has spawned 20 or more collisions Tuesday on Interstate 10 in central Arizona, with several vehicles catching fire.

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Associated Press Writer

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama (AP) — Freshman Democratic U.S. Rep. Parker Griffith announced Tuesday he is switching

to the Republican Party, another blow to Democrats facing a potentially tough midterm election.

Griffith spoke to reporters at his home in northern

Alabama, a region that relies heavily on defense and aerospace jobs.

"I believe our nation is at a crossroads and I can no longer align myself with

a party that continues to pursue legislation that is bad for our country, hurts our economy, and drives us further and further into debt," Griffith said as his wife Virginia stood by his side. The 67-year-old radiation oncologist was narrowly elected last year in a district that includes Huntsville and Decatur. President Barack Obama lost badly there to Republican John McCain. He was one of seven Democrats to oppose Obama's economic stimulus measure early this year, and he voted against the major health care bill.

Griffith also slammed the

health care overhaul making its way through Congress. He was one of 39 House Democrats to vote against a version of the bill that narrowly passed.

"I want to make it perfectly clear that this bill is bad for our doctors," he said Tuesday. "It's bad for our patients. It's bad for the young men and women who are considering going into the health care field." Griffith's decision to change parties won't have a major impact on voting in the House, where Democrats will hold 257 seats to the Republicans' 178 after Griffith's switch. □

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In this Nov. 23, 2009 file photo, Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad gestures during a news conference at the Itamaraty palace in Brasilia. The Iranian government approved a plan Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009 to build 10 industrial scale uranium enrichment facilities, a dramatic expansion of the program in defiance of U.N. demands it halt enrichment. The decision was made during a Cabinet meeting headed by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad Sunday evening, according to Iran's state news agency IRNA.

Associated Press

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) —
Iran's president on Tuesday dismissed a year-end deadline set by the Obama administration and the West

for Tehran to accept a U.N.-drafted deal to swap enriched uranium for nuclear fuel. The United States warned Iran to take the deadline seriously. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also accused the U.S. of fabricating

Ahmadinejad dismisses U.S. deadline for nuclear deal

a purported Iranian secret document that appears to lay out a plan for developing a critical component of an atomic bomb.

Ahmadinejad's remarks underscored Tehran's defiance in the nuclear standoff — and also sought to send a message that his government has not been weakened by the protest movement sparked by June's disputed presidential election. He spoke a day after the latest opposition protest by tens of thousands mourning a dissident cleric who died over the weekend.

Late Tuesday, the Web site of state-run television said Ahmadinejad had appointed a new chief of Iran's prestigious Art Academy, removing opposition leader Mir Hossein

Mousavi from the post.

Mousavi, a presidential challenger who alleged voting fraud, had attended Monday's funeral procession. There was no immediate comment from Mousavi.

President Barack Obama has set a rough deadline of the end of this year for Iran to respond to an offer of dialogue on the nuclear issue. Washington and its allies are warning of new, tougher sanctions on Iran if it doesn't respond.

The U.N.-proposed deal is the centerpiece of the West's diplomatic effort. Under the deal, Tehran would ship most of its stockpile of low-enriched uranium abroad to be processed into fuel rods, which would ease the West's fears that the material could

be used to produce a nuclear weapon.

Iran, which denies it seeks to build a bomb, has balked at the deal's terms.

The international community can give Iran "as many deadlines as they want, we don't care," Ahmadinejad said in a speech to thousands of supporters in the southern city of Shiraz.

Ahmadinejad dismissed the threat of sanctions, saying Iran wants talks "under just conditions where there is mutual respect."

"We told you that we are not afraid of sanctions against us, and we are not intimidated," he said, addressing the West. "If Iran wanted to make a bomb, we would be brave enough to tell you." □



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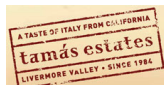




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Brazil: Boy ordered returned to U.S. dad's custody



David Goldman, of New Jersey, gestures before speaking to the press in Rio de Janeiro, Monday, Dec. 21, 2009. Late Sunday Brazil's Supreme Court said in an Internet statement that Chief Justice Gilmar Mendes would rule Monday on appeals made by Goldman and Brazil's attorney general seeking to lift a stay on a lower court's order that Goldman's son be handed over to him. Goldman's son Sean was taken to Brazil in 2004 by his then-wife Bruna Bianchi, who divorced Goldman and remarried before dying while giving birth to a daughter in 2008.

Associated Press

BRADLEY BROOKS

Associated Press Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)

— Brazil's chief justice on Tuesday ruled in favor of a U.S. man who has pursued a five-year court battle to gain custody of his son.

According to the court's Web site, Chief Justice Gilmar Mendes ruled David Goldman's 9-year-old son must be delivered to him by the boy's Brazilian relatives, as a federal court ordered last week. A time frame for the handover was not clear.

The ruling put Goldman one step closer to finally being reunited with his son, Sean. The boy was taken by Goldman's now-deceased ex-wife to her native Brazil in 2004, where he has remained. Goldman has been fighting to get him back from the boy's stepfather.

Lawyers on both sides have said there was still a chance for the Brazilian family to appeal to Brazil's highest appeals court, though the chances of success seemed slight.

A member of Goldman's team reached just minutes after the

ruling described the father as happy, but said he had seen earlier rulings ordering Sean's return be blocked and was waiting to see if the latest ruling would stick or be enforced.

Goldman, who lives in Tinton Falls, New Jersey, declined to comment until he learned more details.

For days the Goldman camp has expressed worries the Brazilian family might try to flee or hide Sean.

Calls to the Brazilian family's lawyer were not immediately returned. Both the U.S. and Brazilian governments argued that the case clearly fell under the Hague Convention, which seeks to ensure that custody decisions are made by the courts in the country where a child originally lived — in this case, the United States.

A lawyer specializing in the Hague Convention said Tuesday's decision by Mendes was the only right one to make.

"It would be virtually impossible to reconcile international law with a ruling in favor of the Brazilian

family," said Greg Lewen of the Miami-based law firm Fowler White Burnett.

He said that if the Hague Convention were not followed by the chief justice, "the State Department should immediately issue a travel advisory warning parents not to go to Brazil with their children."

Goldman launched his case in U.S. and Brazilian courts after Sean was brought by his mother in 2004 to her home country, where she then divorced Goldman and remarried. She died last year in childbirth, and the boy has lived with his stepfather since.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Sunday, Goldman said he would allow Sean's Brazilian relatives to visit with his son if he won the case. "I will not do to them what they've done to Sean and me," he said. The case has affected diplomatic ties between Brazil and the U.S., and has been discussed by President Barack Obama and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. □

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Eurostar races to get thousands of passengers home for holidays

JENNY BARCHFIELD

Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — Eurostar scrambled to get tens of thousands of passengers home for the holidays as it resumed service of high-speed trains under the English Channel on Tuesday, four days after a service shutdown caused by a hallmark of Christmastime travel: snow. The first train pulled out of Paris' Gare du Nord station in the morning carrying 750 passengers, many of whom had been stranded since the rail link between Britain, France and Belgium was suspended Saturday. Hundreds of others waited in a line that stretched across the cavernous Paris train station, as Eurostar staff circulated with trays of pastries and coffee in paper cups. Eurostar has identified the problem that caused trains to break down in the Channel Tunnel, sparking the shutdown — unusually dry, powdery snow that got into the engines. The shutdown affected 40,000 people and left French President Nicolas Sarkozy indignant. Eurostar offered its "deepest apologies," promised compensation and pledged to do its utmost to make sure passengers can celebrate the holidays with their families. "We're worried about the passengers first and getting them where they need to be for the Christmas break," said Ian Nunn, Eurostar finance director. "We'll worry about reputational damage afterwards." People who were supposed to travel over the weekend were given priority as trains started up. Service was less frequent than usual: About two out of three regularly scheduled Eurostars were running. At the Paris station, Britain's Isabella Comba was worried. "My mother's sick, so I really need to get home to be by her bedside," said Comba, who works at Sotheby's auction house and was hoping to catch an afternoon train to Cornwall, in southwestern England. "It will really throw off my plans if I'm not able to get to London today."

Eurostar's operations chief, Nicolas Petrovic, gave a detailed technical explanation of what happened. Normally snow in the region tends to be wet and heavy, he said, but unusually dry snow got past the train's snow-screens and into the engines Friday. Then the snow turned into condensation inside the Channel Tunnel, where temperatures were higher than those outside. The condensation caused the trains' electrical circuits to fail, he said. "It's the first time we have (had) these snow conditions in 15 years," he said. Eurostar has commissioned an independent review into the problems. Nonetheless, Transport Minister Dominique de Bussereau expressed incredulity that mere snowfall had caught Eurostar off-guard. So did ordinary travelers. "It's not like it never snowed before," said Jennifer Eboele, a 21-year-old French student waiting in line at Gare du Nord. "It's hard to understand how something like that could cause such a big problem." Sarkozy summoned the head of France's SNCF rail operator into the Elysee Palace on Monday for a one-on-one meeting and ordered him to get the Eurostar moving again, saying the situation was "unacceptable for travelers." Problems started Friday after five trains failed inside the Channel Tunnel, trapping more than 2,000 passengers for hours in stuffy and claustrophobic conditions. Exhausted, sometimes teary-eyed passengers appeared in British and French TV broadcasts complaining that they had been left underground for more than 15 hours, without food, water or any clear idea of what was going on. Eurostar's operations chief blamed Eurotunnel, which operates the Channel Tunnel, for the delay in rescuing passengers from the stuck trains, and did not exclude the possibility of legal action. While Eurostar works on getting the huge backlog of passengers home, it is blocking any new ticket sales until after

Christmas.

Wintry weather has affected European air travelers, too. Flights in and out of Frankfurt International Airport resumed Tuesday after snow and ice left 8,000 passengers stranded inside terminals or in nearby hotels. Europe's biggest airport, Britain's Heathrow, was open Tuesday, but several flights were delayed because of the bad weather. Gatwick, which had closed its only runway for five hours Monday, said the airport was



open but several flights were canceled or diverted. British Airways had canceled all domestic and European flights Monday evening, but said most flights were operating normally Tuesday. In Italy, heavy snowstorms

and freezing temperatures left thousands of train passengers stranded at railway stations or on carriages, often without heating, according to Italian news reports. Hundreds of flights have been canceled as well. □



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File-In this Feb.,2005 file photo showing Michael Jackson arriving for the first day of his child molestation trial at the Santa Barbara County Superior Court in Santa Maria, Calif.

(AP Photo/Michael A. Mariant,File)

Terrorist attack feared after Jackson arrest

By **HILLEL ITALIE**,
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Police concerns that media-hungry terrorists would attack Michael Jackson's trial as a "soft target" led to a request for federal help, according to FBI files kept on the late pop star. The documents also show that the FBI helped facilitate interviews in the Philippines by California authorities investigating Jackson over allegations that he had sexually abused boys. The FBI monitored Jackson for more than a decade, but the files contain no major

revelations about his private life and the bureau apparently never developed any solid evidence against him.

In 2004, the Santa Maria Police Department in California asked for FBI "involvement" after Jackson was arrested for child molestation. Police, according to the FBI, said they believed the court case would be a "soft target" for terrorism because of the "worldwide media coverage" the trial would attract.

The FBI concluded there were no threats, but did note the presence in an early court appearance of "The Nation of Islam, represented by its security unit Fruits of Islam," and of a New Black Panther Party member whose name was left blank in the files. Jackson used Nation of Islam bodyguards during the legal proceedings.

Back in September 1993, an investigator from the Los Angeles Police Department and another from the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office arrived in Manila to speak to two former employees of Jackson's Neverland ranch who claimed they saw the singer fondle young boys. Their trip came after the LAPD had asked the FBI if it wanted to work a possible case against Jackson for transporting a minor across state lines

for immoral purposes. The FBI checked with the U.S. Attorney's Office, which declined.

The files say an FBI agent accompanied the California officials to the first interview to make sure there were no problems.

The documents, dating from 1992 to 2005, were made public Tuesday through a Freedom of Information Act request from The Associated Press and other media after Jackson's death June 25, at age 50.

The FBI initially said it had about 600 pages in its files but released 333 pages, citing privacy rules and the desire to protect investigative techniques.

In March 2004, the Santa Barbara County district attorney's office reached out to the FBI, seeking help in developing a strategy to prosecute Jackson for molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor in the singer's home. Jackson was acquitted in the high-profile case.

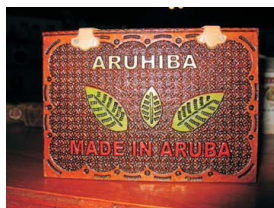
The FBI reviewed case notes from local authorities and examined 16 computers taken from Jackson's home. Nothing notable was described as being found on the hard drives, though parts of the files are redacted. □

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Stocks rise for 3rd day after jump in home sales

By **STEPHEN BERNARD**
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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK – Stocks pushed higher for a third straight day after a surprisingly strong report on housing provided the latest evidence that the economy is picking up speed. All major indexes gained less than 1 percent Tuesday, with the Standard & Poor's 500 index and the Nasdaq composite index closing at new highs for the year. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 50 points, bringing its three-day point gain to 156. Stocks got off to a positive start after a report from the National Association of Realtors said home resales jumped 7.4 percent in November. That was much more than the 2.5 percent increase analysts expected. The government's tax breaks have spurred sales to their highest level in nearly three years.

The report added to a recent string of encouraging news on the economy, including upbeat earnings and forecasts from technology companies and more corporate dealmaking. "It's just another rung in the recovery ladder," said Brett D'Arcy, chief investment officer at CBIZ Wealth Management Group.

There were other signs that investors were feeling more

confident. Bond prices fell further, pushing yields sharply higher. The gap between yields on short- and long-term bonds has widened to record levels, indicating that investors see the economy growing.

Meanwhile, the dollar rose against the euro as investors bet that the U.S. will recover quicker than economies in Europe. And a gauge of the market's volatility dropped to its lowest point since May 2008. The Chicago Board Options Exchange's Volatility Index, known as the market's fear index, fell 4.6 percent to 19.55, after earlier falling as low as 16.26. It hit a record 89.5 last October during the height of the financial crisis. D'Arcy said he expects the positive outlook on the economy to build on itself and to continue to propel the market forward through the end of the year.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 50.79, or 0.5 percent, to 10,464.93. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.97, or 0.4 percent, to 1,118.02, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 15.01, or 0.7 percent, to 2,252.67. Both the S&P 500 and the Nasdaq are at their highest levels since last October.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which

moves opposite its price, climbed to levels not seen since August, rising to 3.75 percent from 3.68 percent late Monday.

The yield on the three-month T-bill rose to 0.08 percent from 0.05 percent. Short-term rates have remained low, staying in line with the Federal Reserve's benchmark interest rate, which has been kept at a record level of near zero this year.

However, long-term yields have been on the rise as investors become more sure of the economy's strength and see an increasing potential for inflation. Inflation is bad for bonds because it eats into their fixed returns.

The dollar moved higher against other major currencies as a third credit-ratings



Charles Solomon of LaBranche & Co. works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, in New York.

(AP Photo/Henny Ray Abrams)

agency downgraded Greece's government bonds. Worries have been rising in recent weeks about debt levels in Greece, Ireland, Spain and Portugal, leading investors to sell other currencies and buy the dollar.

Gold prices fell to their lowest level since early November, while oil prices reversed an early slide and rose 68 cents to \$74.40 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Wall Street typically does well in late December. □

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Serena Williams is 2009 AP Female Athlete of Year



This is a Jan. 31, 2009, file photo showing Serena Williams of the United States holding the trophy after beating Russia's Dinara Safina during the women's singles final match against at the Australian Open Tennis Championship in Melbourne, Australia. Williams wins AP Female Athlete of Year for second time, Tuesday Dec. 21, 2009.

Associated Press

Federer, Serena honored as ITF world champions

LONDON (AP) — Roger Federer and Serena Williams were selected Tuesday as the International Tennis Federation's world champions of 2009.

Federer, who receives the ITF award for a fifth time, completed a career Grand Slam by winning the French Open and captured a record 15th major title by winning Wimbledon. He also regained the No. 1 ranking from Rafael Nadal.

"It was an incredible year for me both on and off the court," Federer said. "To win my first Roland Garros title, break the all-time Grand Slam record and regain the No. 1 ranking is amazing. It means a lot to me to finish the year again at the top." Williams, who receives the ITF honor for a second time, won the

Australian Open and Wimbledon to bring her career total of Grand Slam titles to 11. Serena and Venus Williams were selected as women's doubles world champions for the first time, making Serena the first player since Martina Hingis in 1999 to receive both singles and doubles honors. American twins Bob and Mike Bryan are the men's doubles world champions for a record sixth time. Daniel Berta of Sweden and Kristina Mladenovic of France were named ITF junior world champions, while the wheelchair awards went to Shingo Kunieda of Japan for the third consecutive year and Esther Vergeer of the Netherlands for the 10th straight year. □

WASHINGTON (AP) — Playing her best at the most important events, Serena Williams re-established herself as the top player in women's tennis in 2009 and was a landslide choice as Female Athlete of the Year by members of The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Williams received 66 of 158 votes cast by editors at U.S. member newspapers of the AP. No other candidate got more than 18 votes in the tally.

Clearly, Williams' most infamous on-court episode — a tirade directed at a line judge after a foot-fault call near the end of her U.S. Open semifinal loss in September — didn't hurt her standing in the eyes of the voters.

"People realize that I'm a great player, and one moment doesn't define a person's career," Williams told the AP. "And I was right, for the most part: It wasn't right the way I reacted — I never said it was — but I was right about the call."

She also noted that the

outburst, which resulted in a record fine and two-year probationary period at Grand Slam tournaments, "got a lot more people excited about tennis."

The 28-year-old American tends to do that, thanks to her powerful, athletic play and her outgoing personality.

"We can attribute the strength and the growth of women's tennis a great deal to her," WTA Tour chairman and CEO Stacey Allaster said in a telephone interview. "She is a superstar."

Williams also won the AP award in 2002.

"I'm just happy and blessed to even be playing seven years later. All this is a bonus, really," Williams said. "In 2002, I just was really dominant, and I think in 2009, I just brought that back. I kind of became that player again."

Williams finished the year at No. 1 in the WTA rankings. She topped \$6.5 million in prize money, breaking the single-season tour record by more than \$1 million.

She won three significant singles titles — Wimbledon, the Australian Open and the season-ending tour championships — and paired with sister Venus to win three Grand Slam doubles championships.

"An incredible performance," Allaster said. "Her game just continues to improve through this long career she's had."

Williams went 50-12 in singles and she tied for the tour lead in singles titles. She led the tour with 381 aces, 75 more than anyone else, and also led in percentages of first-service points won and service games won.

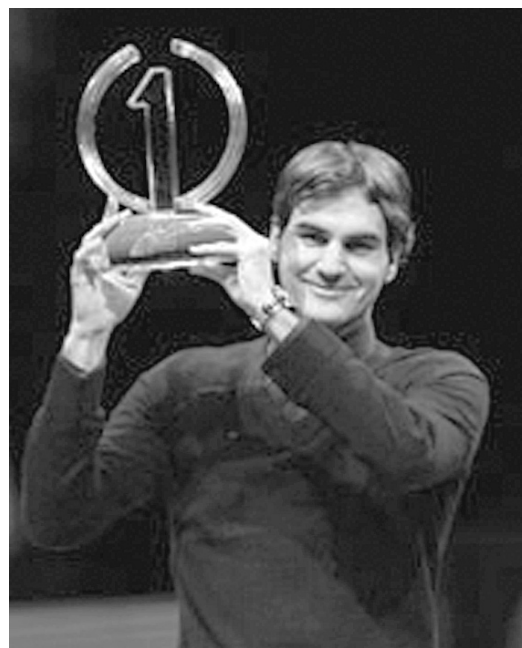
Her two Grand Slam singles titles raised her career total to 11, the most among active women. At the year's other two majors, she lost to the eventual champion: Svetlana Kuznetsova at the French Open, Kim Clijsters at the U.S. Open.

"Serena really peaks for those big moments on big stages," Allaster said.

And what does she have planned for 2010?

"My goal is to have a better year than '09 — and to stay healthy," Williams said, "and I think if I can do that, I'll be fine."

Zenyatta, the 5-year-old mare who capped her 14-0 career by becoming the first female horse to win the Breeders' Cup Classic, finished second for the AP honor — with 48 fewer votes than Williams. Clijsters, who came out of retirement only weeks before winning the U.S. Open, was third with 16 votes. American Lindsey Vonn, who won her second consecutive overall title in Alpine skiing's World Cup, finished third with 15 votes, followed by Diana Taurasi, the WNBA's MVP, who received 14. □



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Brodeur sets NHL shutout record, Devils win 4-0

ALAN ROBINSON

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Martin Brodeur broke the NHL record with his 104th career shutout, and maybe the only surprise was how easily it came in the New Jersey Devils 4-0 win over the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins on Monday night.

Brodeur needed to make only a few difficult saves while breaking Terry Sawchuk's shutout record, further strengthening his case to be considered as the best goaltender to play the game. Brodeur made 35 saves to break the coveted shutout record only two games after setting another NHL mark. He surpassed Patrick Roy's record for regular-season appearances by a goaltender when he started his 1,030th on Friday, and Monday was his 1,032nd game in 16 seasons, all with the Devils.

Avalanche 4, Wild 3

At St. Paul, Matt Hendricks scored short-handed to cap a three-goal second period for Colorado, which beat Minnesota for the first time in five tries this season.

Matt Duchene, Chris Stewart and Milan Hejduk also had goals for the Avs, who took advantage of uncharacteristic sloppiness by Niklas Backstrom and the Wild and beat Minnesota in regulation for only the second time in the past 16 regular-season matchups between these Northwest Division opponents.

Owen Nolan and Martin Havlat scored less than two minutes apart midway through the third period, with Havlat's breakaway cutting the once-wide lead to one with 6:03 left. Craig Anderson faced

a flurry of shots, including a bad bounce off the board that almost caught him out of position, in the final minutes but finished with 28 saves.

At Atlanta, Marc-Andre Bergeron scored late in the third period to equalize, then again in overtime for Montreal.

The Canadiens won back-to-back after losing five in a row at home. Bergeron also scored on a power play with 1:45 left in regulation and beat Atlanta goalie Johan Hedberg after passes from Tomas Plekanec and Andrei Markov.

Nik Antropov and Rich Peverley scored in the third period to put the Thrashers up 3-2.

The Thrashers set a team record with 50 shots, more than double Montreal's 23.

Lightning 4, Islanders 2

At Uniondale, Ryan Malone scored two power-play goals in the third period as Tampa Bay rallied from a pair of one-goal deficits.

Steven Stamkos and Vincent

Lecavalier added second-period goals for the Lightning. Stamkos, the No. 1 pick in the 2008 draft, has 21 goals this season. He scored for the fourth time in four games after going eight games without one. Mike Smith made 36 saves for his sixth win.

Rangers 3, Hurricanes 1

At Raleigh, New York won its third straight behind Marian Gaborik's NHL-leading 25th goal. Gaborik added an assist to increase his point total to 47, Brandon Dubinsky scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period, Henrik Lundqvist stopped 32 shots and Marc Staal scored into an empty net for the Rangers.

In other NHL games it was, Montreal 4, Atlanta 3, OT; Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 2; N.Y. Rangers 3, Carolina 1; Florida 4, Philadelphia 1; Buffalo 3, Toronto 2, OT; Boston 2, Ottawa 0; New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 0; Colorado 4, Minnesota 3; San Jose 4, Dallas 2; Phoenix 5, Columbus 2; and St. Louis 7, Edmonton 2. □



New Jersey Devils goalie Martin Brodeur makes a glove save in the second period of an NHL hockey game against the Pittsburgh Penguins in Pittsburgh Monday, Dec. 21, 2009.

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NFL Roundup

Giants stay in playoff hunt, beat Redskins 45-12

JOSEPH WHITE

AP Sports Writer

LANDOVER, Maryland (AP) — The New York Giants remained in postseason contention with one of the most lopsided victories in their long rivalry against Washington, beating the Redskins 45-12 on Monday night.

Eli Manning completed 19 of 26 passes for 268 yards and

three touchdowns, and Ahmad Bradshaw ran for two scores for the Giants, who have eight wins and six losses and are one game behind Dallas and Green Bay in the battle for wild-card spots with two weeks remaining in the regular season. A loss would have left New York with only the faintest of playoff hopes.

The Giants marched downfield at will to take a 24-0 halftime lead. At one point in the second quarter, they held a 226 to minus-2 advantage in total yards, a 16-0 dominance in first downs, and the time of possession gap was roughly 21 minutes to 4½. The Redskins went three-and-out on their first three possessions, finally got a first down on the fourth, then tried to pull a ridiculous-looking fake field goal on the fifth — a play that produced a Giants interception to end the half.

Even when the Redskins scored

their first touchdown — with the game already out of reach in the third quarter — the Giants blocked the extra point.

The Giants defense, with its habit of giving up big-yardage plays, had largely been the culprit as the team lost six of eight games to waste its five-match winning run at the start of the season. The unit was stout, however, against the Redskins — even with defensive backs Corey Webster and Aaron Ross inactive with injuries.

Terrell Thomas got his fifth interception of the season and turned it into his first NFL touchdown with a 14-yard runback.

Bradshaw had touchdown runs of 3 and 4 yards in the first half and was greeted both times with snowballs thrown from the stands. The Redskins had to remove tons of snow from the stadium and their parking lots just so the game could be played. □

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NBA Roundup

Kings storm back from 35 down to beat Bulls 102-98

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Tyreke Evans and the Sacramento Kings rallied from 35 points down in the second half to edge the Chicago Bulls 102-98 on Monday night in the biggest NBA comeback in 13 years.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it was the NBA's biggest comeback since Utah overcame a 36-point deficit to beat Denver on Nov. 27, 1996.

The Bulls led 79-44 with 8:50 left in the third quarter and were still up 83-50 two minutes later before they collapsed.

Evans finished with 23 points for Sacramento, which has its first two-game road winning streak since late in the 2007-08 season.

After Sacramento finished the third with a 19-5 run to make it 88-69, Ime Udoka scored 15 of the Kings' next 22 points in 9:32 to cut it to 95-91. That's when Evans took over.

Luol Deng scored 26 points and Derrick Rose added 24 for the Bulls, who were booed off the court.

Cavaliers 109, Suns 91

At Phoenix, LeBron James and Mo Williams led a 15-0 fourth-quarter run as Cleveland handed Phoenix its first home loss of the season.

James scored 29 and Williams 24 as the Cavs shot 53 percent. Steve Nash had 18 points and 10 assists for Phoenix.

The Suns, the NBA's only unbeaten team at home at 10-0 entering the game, had won 19 straight there overall. Their previous home loss was on March 12 — to the Cavaliers. Shaquille O'Neal didn't get much of a reaction from the fans in his first game in Phoenix since the Suns traded him to Cleveland, just a smattering of cheers and boos when he was introduced.

In foul trouble much of the night, O'Neal had three points and five rebounds in 19 minutes.

Bucks 84, Pacers 81

At Indianapolis, Andrew Bogut scored a career-high 31 points and grabbed 18 rebounds to lead Milwaukee over Indiana.

Rookie guard Brandon Jennings had 16 points and six assists and Michael Redd scored 14 for the Bucks, who snapped a three-game skid and won their first road game since Nov. 21.

Roy Hibbert had 16 points and Troy Murphy added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers.

Indiana had two late chances to equalize, but T.J. Ford missed a pair of 3-pointers in

the closing seconds.

At San Antonio, Tony Parker scored 19 points and Roger Mason Jr. helped give San Antonio a decided bench advantage in a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

Parker, who was 7 of 11 from the field, had eight points in a decisive third-quarter run as the Spurs extended an 11-point halftime lead to 21 entering the fourth.

In other NBA games it was, Milwaukee 84, Indiana 81; Orlando 104, Utah 99; Sacramento 102, Chicago 98; San Antonio 103, L.A. Clippers 87; and Cleveland 109, Phoenix 91. □



Sacramento Kings guard Tyreke Evans drives to the basket past Chicago Bulls center Brad Miller during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Dec. 21, 2009, in Chicago.

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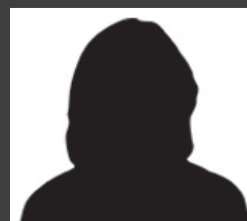
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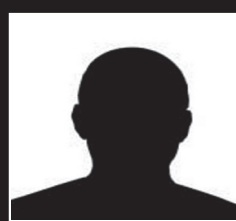
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PALM BEACH – A recent general assembly at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa informed and entertained colleagues eager to get an up-to-the-moment business update from members of management.

General Manager Rob Smith talked to the forum about upcoming projects including an all-inclusive program and a just-conceived manager's cocktail party.

Smith went on to describe the future restaurant renovations and the extensive purchasing plans while the Director of Human Resources Glenn Farro outlined the new employee hand book and the revised in-house training program.

The resort's rising guest satisfaction scores were interpreted by Marshall Gibbs who revealed that the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa is indeed #1 property among the chain's managed hotels. As the great scores were celebrated, the new staff uniforms were introduced by members of the HR department in a live "You've Got Style," fashion show, starring resort colleagues, on the runway.

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First Attraction in Aruba with Green Globe Accreditation

On Tuesday, Atlantis Submarines became the first attraction in Aruba to be certified by Green Globe, the sustainability certification recognized by tour operators worldwide.

In a written statement, Atlantis Submarines General Manager, Reinder Fit said, "This is a fantastic achievement for us and it signals that we have started down a positive path to measuring and reducing our carbon footprint as well as increasing our overall positive impact on the social and natural environment."

The management of Atlantis Submarines Aruba seized the opportunity with the slowdown in business due to the economic crisis to make good use of the available time. A number of areas for improving environmental responsibility and saving



money have been identified and they will be worked on in the coming months and years. Green Globe CEO Guido Bauer said in a written

statement, "We have worked with Atlantis for many years and it is very satisfying to be able to make this accreditation. This unique attraction provides

many people the opportunity to explore nature and deeply appreciate the importance of caring for coral reef systems around the world." □

Dutch MP: Curaçao is US spy base



Harry van Bommel
Photo by Govert de Roos

Dutch Socialist MP Harry van Bommel has claimed that US spy planes are using an airbase on the Netherlands Antilles island of Curaçao.

Mr Van Bommel has asked Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen whether he is aware

that a Boeing RC-135 aircraft has been making regular reconnaissance flights from the Caribbean island's Hato airport over the past few weeks.

War on drugs

The flights were the cause of angry reactions by Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez, who accused the Netherlands of colluding with the United States. The Hague government is contributing to rising tensions between Venezuela and Colombia, according to the Venezuelan authorities. The opposition MP said it is up to the Netherlands to help de-escalate these tensions. He is asking for a ban on American military flights over Colombia from the Antilles. Ostensibly such flights are part of the US



Willemstad, Curacao

"war on drugs" but Mr Van Bommel claims they are also used in a "war on guerrillas". The MP wants to scrap the US-Netherlands Forwards Operations Location treaty enabling the Americans to use airfields in Curaçao and the Antilles for anti-drugs flights.

Shoot them down

Meanwhile President Chávez

has ordered his airforce to shoot down any US plane entering Venezuelan airspace. He said on state television that a US drone, an unmanned plane, had attempted to enter from Colombia on Sunday. Since an agreement with the Colombian government was signed in October, the US military have access to seven military bases in Colombia. □

Radisson conducts a town hall meeting



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The highlight of the assembly featured the Star Team announcements for September & October with Rugia Siliee as the winner for September and Marvinia Richardson for October both cited for extraordinary contributions to the resort. A short ceremony of appreciation lauded long-term careers of a great number of resort employees, awarded with certificates and commemorative plaques. Best piece of news presented by General Manager Rob Smith was the increasing popularity of the resort among clients booking sunny vacations in the tropics this winter. The hotel is projecting solid business in the upcoming months, which is a



good reason for celebration. Pictured here the congenial, much enjoyed in-house event at the Radisson. □



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Hero pilot's body to be flown home to Midlands

THE body of Midland hero pilot Robert Mansell is expected to be flown home this week after it was recovered from the Caribbean Sea.

His body was retrieved from the wreckage of his plane after it was successfully raised from the ocean bed.

A special-purpose ship managed to lift the Divi Divi Air Norman Islander aircraft on Friday, after previous rescue attempts had failed.

The aircraft had reportedly been resting precariously on a submarine telephone cable at a depth of 170 metres since crashing in October.

Mr Mansell's father and sister have been tirelessly working with local authorities and UK officials to arrange repatriation of his body since the tragedy. The 32-year-old pilot was from Knowle, Solihull.

Salvage crews initially

experienced difficulties lifting the aircraft due to conditions at sea disturbing the delicate operation.

The plane appeared almost intact when the large Skandi Carla vessel, which holds its own crane and specialist positioning system, was able to hoist it from the sea.

Mr Mansell's body was immediately taken to the nearby island of Curacao by a special coastguard boat and a post mortem was to be carried out. It is due to be returned to the UK this week.

Dutch officials were to hold a dignified farewell at Curacao airport in honour of Mr Mansell's actions, which saved the lives of nine passengers on board the plane.

Aviation accident experts will now examine the wreck of the plane to try to determine the cause of the tragedy.



The salvage was managed by Safety and Smit International, authorities of the Netherlands the Dutch Research Council for in close collaboration with Antilles and Bonaire. □

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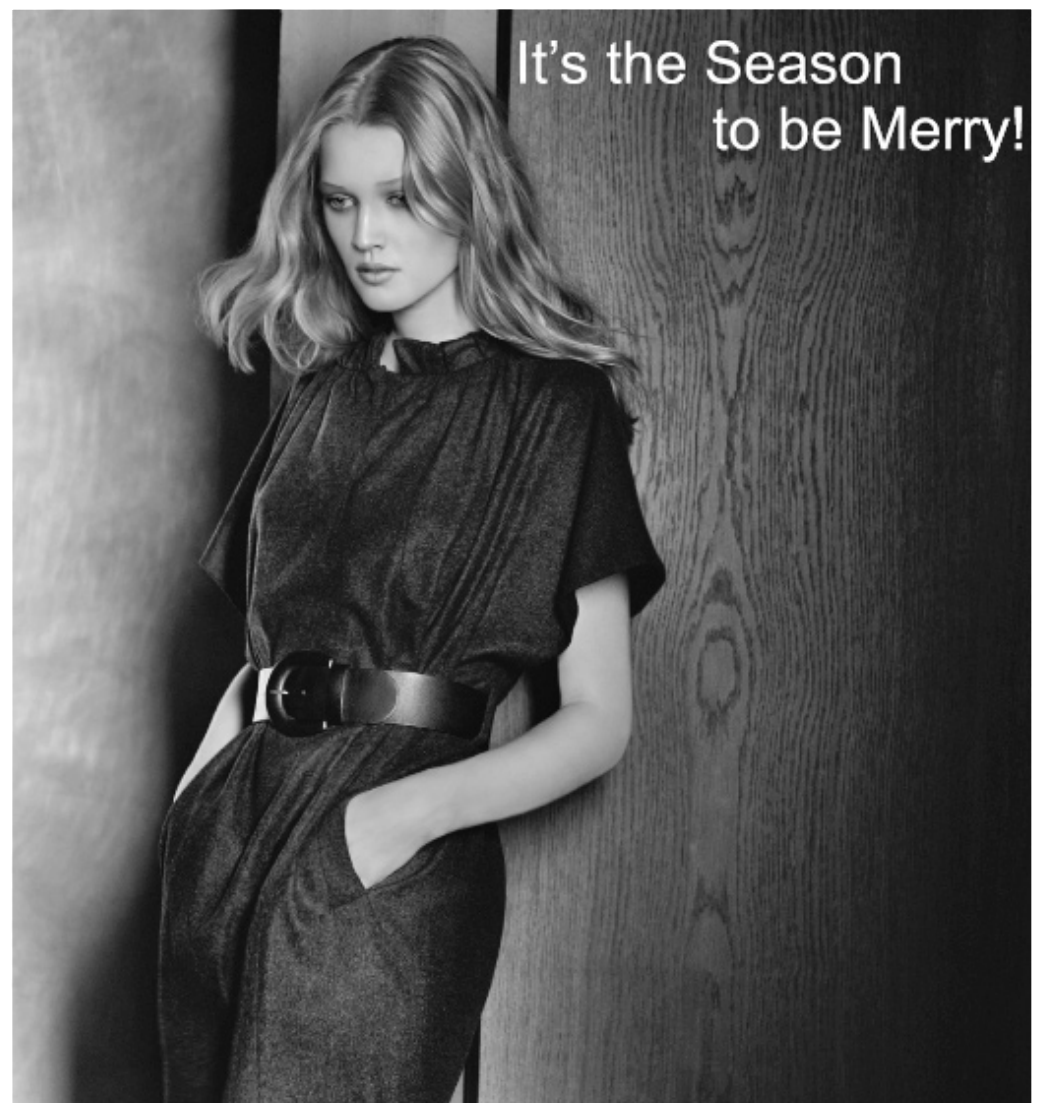


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Dutch sailor returns home to Netherlands

A 14-year-old Dutch sailor discovered on a Caribbean island after disappearing last week has been escorted home to the Netherlands.

Laura Dekker, barred from her attempt to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world, went missing last Thursday.

A Dutch court is expected to decide if the teen should be removed from her father's care after the incident.

It is still unclear how Miss Dekker managed to make the journey.

Officials say they are mystified as to how she reached the Dutch Antilles island of St Maarten, off the coast of Venezuela, and whether anyone helped her.

"We want to ask her - how did you do it? Did someone help you, and, if so, who?" said police spokesman Bernhard Jens.

The court hearing with Dutch welfare officers is scheduled for later on Tuesday.

Custody hearing

An official at the Utrecht

court quoted by news agency Reuters said they were considering removing Miss Dekker from her father's custody.

"Options include placing her into foster care or with her mother," the unnamed official said.

Miss Dekker has been under state supervision since October when a court blocked her bid to be the youngest person to sail the globe solo. The order remains valid until the end of her school year in July 2010.

A seasoned sailor, Miss Dekker was born on a yacht off the coast of New Zealand during a seven-year world trip. She had her own yacht by the age of six and began sailing solo when she was 10.

Her father, Dick Dekker, supports her attempt at the record, while her mother has expressed some concerns.

Miss Dekker had planned to spend about two years aboard her 8m (26ft) boat, Guppy, to break the record set in August by a 17-year-old UK boy. ☐



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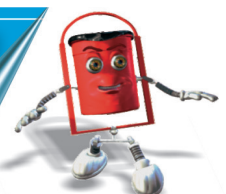
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Gerard Coste is the Radisson's new Director of Food & Beverage

PALM BEACH – The RadissonArubaResortCasino & Spa has just announced the appointment of Gerard Coste as the resort's new Director of Food & Beverage.

"We are really excited to acquire such an industry professional as our new Food and Beverage Director," states General Manager Rob Smith. "His classic French training combined with his experience as Executive Chef for over 20 years, is matched by his ability to work with diverse cultural backgrounds in different culinary styles. This fusion of broad knowledge and rich experience makes him a very valuable addition, as the leader of our culinary team." Born in Nice in the South of France, Gerard packs a Mediterranean-French culinary lexicon, enhanced by traveling around the globe. Cooking runs in his veins, he reports, having observed his mother in the kitchen practically since the day he was born. "Cooking," he offers, "comes naturally to me; it's my passion and first love."

As kitchen apprentice, young Chef Gerard was first discovered by an award-winning French master, Jean Michel Pericou who guided him through the challenging maze of French cooking techniques. Gerard then went on to England and broadened his horizons at the internationally renowned Harveys Bristol Cream restaurant in Bristol, England, and at the Concorde Hotel in London, also keeping up with the great French chefs of that time, at Hotel de Paris and the Hotel Mirabeau, in Monaco.

Prepared to move on to a different region of the world, he asked for his old mentor's input and Pericou immediately recommended his prodigy to a property in Aruba, almost 20 years ago, thus launching a successful career in the Caribbean.

Gerard has fond memories of Chalet Suisse & La Vie En Rose restaurants, where he first worked on the island. He then joined the Hilton, which later became the Wyndham, and the Westin, where he served as the Executive Chef for a number of years, also nurturing that hotel's famed Food & Wine festival, for the past five.

When General Manager Rob Smith came on board the Radisson in October, he was looking to recruit a food industry icon. Executive Chef Gerard Coste came to his mind as the ideal candidate, providing the chef would be prepared to step into the Food & Beverage director's shoes. He checked. The answer was

"Yes!"

"What is great about acquiring Gerard," the enthusiastic Smith explains, "is his ability to affect the front-of-the-house service experience, in combination with the back-of-the-house food product; as he is equally comfortable in these two areas."

From the perspective of his new office Gerard is looking forward to contribute to the only 4 diamond hotel restaurant on the island, the Sunset Grill, and also anticipate pushing all other food outlets to even higher levels of food, presentation and service. Personally he likes his dishes fresh and simple, he confides, and he can have a Salade Niçoise for lunch every day of the week, providing it is sprinkled with the highest quality olive oil, which he is finicky about.

As a father of five, he also cooks at home, and always finds time to discover the talents of young chef apprentices in the



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Self-Doubt Is Your Friend

We all have fears and doubts and they manifest differently within each of us. Whether we hear voices, see visions or both, self-doubt plays on our internal fears and insecurities. We create our own Self-Doubt, and we know exactly how to manipulate our selves. Relentlessly dealing with self-doubt is part of being Human.

Doubting ourselves is healthy and necessary because it helps temper our natural arrogance. We all know how arrogant people can become

in the lack of humility. Self-Doubt hones our resolve and shows us our weaknesses. It gives us the chance to grow by overcoming our self-created challenges.

The force of doubt can also be bad for us because it will undermine our courage if we let it. Without courage, we can't act. In order to maintain your courage in the face of self-doubt, keep your self in action. Self-doubt will lead to inaction and depression if you don't make yourself act when you're depressed. Action builds

Courage, which builds the ability to Act. Your task is to stay active toward a goal.

No matter what physical action you take, remember that as long as you act with good intentions, the outcome of your action doesn't matter. Your intentions and actions determine who you are. The results of your actions have nothing to do with who you are. Success and failure do not determine the person. The Passion of the Pursuit defines the Person.

We think of ourselves and others in terms of our successes and failures, but this view misses the entire point. A person is defined by their approach to the pursuit of their goals. How do you act under pressure? When the plan veers off course and the day careens out of control, how do you react? When you encounter dramatic surprises, how flexible are you to your circumstances? How does your cleverness manifest in your life?

Self-doubt sharpens our life skills and makes us stronger. It is the built-in resistance safety mechanism that stops us from destroying ourselves, as we certainly would if left unchecked. We have proven

many times that we cannot control our own greed and arrogance. Imagine how out of control the Human race would be if no one doubted themselves.

Self-Doubt is a construct of our own mind. Don't believe most of what is in your head. Most thoughts and images are random background noise that we're all exposed to all the time. Random Human Consciousness Noise permeates all of our heads all the time, even when we're sleeping. We become aware of the Noise that we resonate with in some way. Some people pay more attention to the random noise than others. If we take it too seriously, we cross the line of accepted social sanity. Insanity is believing every thought you have, or taking your random thoughts too seriously.

When you're depressed and throughout your entire life, never stop taking action toward a goal. Ignore most of what is in your head. Use your self-doubt to strengthen your weaknesses, and to fill in gaps in your knowledge. Pinpoint what you doubt about yourself, and come up with solutions to your Doubt's questions.

Self-Doubt is our constant Imaginary Challenge that we create for ourselves to sharpen our skills and drive us forward. Keep taking action so that self-doubt does not undermine your courage.

Until Tomorrow...

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~Quentin Danziger

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Fine & Affordable Dining at Pam Pam Restaurant

Meet Chef Ludwich Samson and his exquisite menu now unveiled!



Nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Boegoeroei, Perle d'Or apartment complex houses Dutch students and vacationers, as well as a cozy garden eatery, Pam Pam Restaurant & Bar. Aiming to attract a more diverse clientele, Pam Pam has recently adopted a more upscale dining concept. In order to pilot this new concept, rising local chef Ludwich Samson was brought on board, and in just two months on the job, he has

more than proven his worth.

Laid-back, refreshingly young, and ambitious, Ludwich began his career as a chef by enrolling in Aruba's hospitality and culinary arts school—the best decision he has ever made, he wholeheartedly claims. With ten years in the kitchen and three years as a chef, Ludwich has developed an impressive arsenal of cooking skills. He attributes the majority of his growth as a chef to his years

of working under his mentor, Vittorio Muscarllo, owner of Hostaria Da'Vittorio and one of the most highly respected chefs on Aruba.

In his two months with Pam Pam, Ludwich has entirely remodeled the kitchen to make it more efficient. He has also created a whole new menu featuring particularly unique dishes in order to distinguish Pam Pam from the endless number of restaurants along Aruba's hotel strip. While the menu still offers Dutch snacks and typical Dutch platters like sate to appease the many Dutch interns residing at Perle d'Or, the rest of the menu offers upscale fusion cuisine. Lemon grass and chillies give several seafood dishes a Thai flair; homemade ravioli and beef carpaccio salute Italy; crustacean ceviche adds a Peruvian element; and Indonesian spices add zest to a handful of casual main dishes.

Ludwich also craftily adds little unexpected twists to some classic dishes, elevating the uniqueness of his menu. One of his personal favorites is his porcini-crusted filet mignon served with a thyme red-wine reduction. He also delights in the fact that most diners have a hard time figuring out the sweet and spicy deliciousness of his signature crustacean platter. Other interesting interpretations include lump-crab lollipops, chicken cordon blue unorthodoxly stuffed with ricotta and bacon, and for dessert, tiramisu that promises an untraditional layer of decadent Bailey's chocolate mousse.

Needless to say, Ludwich is creative in the kitchen and works extremely hard, currently putting in 12 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week; but he insists that this is not what makes a good chef good. "I simply love what



I do for a living," confides Ludwich, and this is what guarantees success in the kitchen and contented diners. Of course, being a chef can be downright stressful, but Ludwich thrives on the rush of adrenaline on busy nights. And when he peers out of the kitchen and sees a restaurant full of people enjoying their meals, he experiences immense satisfaction. For reservations call: 5877710 or 7483848, or visit us at www.pampamaruba.com. □



Ventanas del Mar enjoys popularity during the holiday



just before the holidays and is now boasting a new look. The restaurant at Aruba's Tierra Del Sol, Golf Resort, Country Club & Spa is a great favorite among locals and visitors featuring continental cuisine with a tropical twist, serving delicious meals in an elegant indoor dining room, or on the wraparound terrace overlooking the golf course and the California lighthouse.



TIERRA DEL SOL – The now fully renovated Ventanas del Mar restaurant hosted a great number of elegant country-club celebrations in honor of the upcoming holidays. A group of colleagues from one of the government offices enjoyed a wonderful dinner prepared by Executive Chef Jim Roosman, served under the watchful eye of General Manager Martin Haselhof. Ventanas del Mar restaurant was closed for renovations for a period of six weeks,

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Alicia & Anthony to marry in June 2010



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Traditionally, a festive feast or dinner is a focal element of the holiday season where we sit down with family and friends for the "breaking of the bread". The expression "breaking of bread", some believe, must be qualified. "Breaking of bread" signified the dividing of the bread cakes or loaves which were used by Orientals. Sometimes "breaking of bread" is used concerning partaking of a common meal (Mk. 6: 41; Acts 27: 35) and "Breaking of bread" is also used in connection with the religious memorial called the Lord's Supper. We are talking about Christmas dinner and before we can sit down to enjoy our meal, we need to plan our menu.

For several years already we have said goodbye to the traditional holiday smoked

ham. Ham, as all pork products is detrimental to people in all blood groups. Pork aggravates blood to become sticky; slows down proper digestion and obstructs absorption of nutrition. Instead we have a turkey that I slowly roast on the barbeque. No deep frying here! Turkey has become my family dinner's center piece because it is a healthy alternative to more traditional foods that are classed as being detrimental according to your blood type. I carve a mean plate of turkey in front of our guests. You might not know this but the nutrition facts of turkey per serving is: 232 calories, 11 grams of fat, but only 3 grams saturated fat, 108 mg cholesterol, 77 mg sodium, 0 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber, 32 grams protein, and 15% iron. There is nothing wrong nutritionally here.

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The traditional potato smothered in cheese is out. Both the potato and cheese will slow down the metabolism of most of us. Instead, for carbohydrates we use sweet potatoes, pumpkin, and brown rice. This year, after baking the potatoes in the grill next to the turkey, we are going to mash the sweet potatoes with a touch of ginger. Ginger contains components that positively influence known disease susceptibility, a good thing. I think the ginger balances nicely the taste of the sweet potatoes. Slow, baking brings out the sweetness in the potatoes, but the glycemic load is very low! This means it won't spike your insulin. The nutrition facts per serving of sweet potatoes includes: 240 calories, 6 g total fat, 4 g saturated fat, 15 mg cholesterol, 73 mg sodium, 46 g carbohydrate, 5 g fiber, 2 g protein, 294% vitamin A, 54% vitamin C. Did you see the amount of vitamin A? Wow, I am surprised that sweet potatoes do not need to be registered as an eye medicine.

We could not think about any holiday dinner without serving pumpkin. Here we go again helping our eyes. The nutrition facts for pumpkin per serving is: 286 calories, 13 grams total fat, 4 g saturated fat, 86 mg cholesterol, 120 mg sodium, 38 g carbohydrate, 2 grams of fiber, 7 grams protein, 130% vitamin A, 9% vitamin C, 7% calcium, 13%

iron. Did you notice the blood building qualities of pumpkin? Only people with blood group B cannot enjoy this delicious and nutritious vegetable. In Aruba, pumpkin soup is a specialty. If I am lucky Amy might bake me a pumpkin pie, yum! Or maybe we will make pumpkin with onions.

As in every meal at our house brown rice is the staple carbohydrate. For this meaningful occasion we will add some zest (and even more nutrition) to our brown rice with wild rice and quinoa. Brown rice can be enjoyed by all blood groups. White "polished" rice is nutritionally lifeless since the bran, which contains all of the nutrition, has been stolen to sell to pharmaceutical companies to make B complex vitamins. This should give us a strong indication the benefit derived from eating brown rice. The wild rice, especially if harvested from wild ponds, contains trace minerals missing in our other grains. Super-grain, Peruvian quinoa has one of the highest amounts of absorbable calcium available. Support for our bones that cooks in just 15 minutes!

And what would turkey dinner be without cranberry sauce? This year, "can the can" full of dangerously unhealthy, high fructose corn syrup. Homemade cranberry sauce takes only 15 minutes on the stove, make with low processed cane sugar or natural grape sugar. Try arrowroot instead of corn starch for thickener in the smooth variety or make chunky. Cranberries are a traditional remedy for bladder infection. Cranberries contain a naturally occurring simple sugar, closely related to glucose called D- mannose. D-Mannose is metabolized by our bodies and excreted into the urine. This simple sugar helps maintain a healthy



By Dr. Carlos Viana

urinary tract by its interaction with the bacterium found in over 90% of all bladder infections, Escherichia coli ("E. coli"). This strain of E.coli is found as part of the "normal microflora" in every intestinal tract. But even normal E.coli does not belong in the bladder and urinary tract. In these areas they multiply and become an infection. D-Mannose "sticks" to E.coli. When we take a large quantity of D-Mannose by eating cranberries, almost all of it spills into the urine through our kidneys, literally "coating" any E.coli present so they can no longer "stick" to the inside walls of the bladder and urinary tract. The E.coli is literally rinsed away with normal urination! Imagine, all from eating cranberries. Include your favorite fresh green vegetables prepared with olive oil and fresh herbs, and you've got yourself a healthy, holiday feast.

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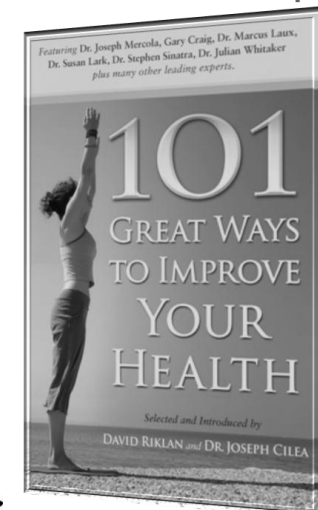
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México: Asesinan a familia de marino que enfrentó a narco Beltrán Leyva

MEXICO (AP) - Hombres armados asesinaron a la madre, dos hermanos y una tía del infante de marina que falleció la semana pasada tras la operación en la que fue abatido el barón de las drogas Arturo Beltrán Leyva, en lo que parece un intento de intimidar a las fuerzas armadas que combaten a los carteles.

El ataque con armas de grueso calibre contra los familiares del tercer maestre de las fuerzas especiales Melquisedet Angulo Córdova ocurrió en los primeros minutos del martes en su vivienda, localizada sobre una carretera federal en la municipalidad de Paraíso, en el estado sureño de Tabasco, a más de 600 kilómetros al este de la ciudad de México, informó la Procuraduría estatal.

Pistoleros llegaron hasta la casa donde dormía la familia Angulo, rompieron la puerta



Marinos caminan al lado de la carroza fúnebre que transporta el cuerpo de su compañero Melquisedet Angulo durante su funeral en Paraíso, México, el lunes 21 de diciembre de 2009. (AP Foto/Carlos Sobrino)

para entrar y dispararon contra los moradores, apenas unas horas después de que el cuerpo del infante fuera sepultado en Tabasco.

El procurador del estado, Rafael González, describió a la prensa lo ocurrido: la madre del marino, Irma Córdova Pérez de 55 años recibió un

disparo; su hermana Yolidabey de 22, siete tiros; su hermano Benito, un impacto de bala; y su tía Josefa Angulo Flores de 46 años, 10 disparos.

Otra hermana, Miraldey de 24 años, resultó herida y su estado de salud fue reportado como muy grave. En la casa fueron localizados al menos 25 casquillos de fusil AR-15 y uno de AK-47.

El procurador estatal dijo que tras el asesinato, las fuerzas armadas y policías estatales

comenzaron la búsqueda de los responsables, aunque ningún sospechoso ha sido arrestado. El presidente Felipe Calderón calificó el ataque como “un acto cobarde y deleznable”.

“No habremos de amedrentarnos por criminales sin escrúpulos como quienes cometen tal clase de barbarie. Quienes así actúan merecen el repudio unánime de la sociedad y merecen pagar por sus crímenes”, señaló el mandatario en un acto público en el Estado de México, vecino a la capital.

El atentado contra los familiares ocurrió cinco días después de la operación contra el líder del Cartel de los hermanos Beltrán Leyva, alias “El Barbas” o el “Jefe de jefes”, y también a unas horas de que la Secretaría de Marina rindiera un homenaje al infante y anunciara una pensión vitalicia para su madre.

“Esclaroqueesunavenganza”, dijo a la AP Jorge Chabat, experto en narcotráfico y seguridad nacional del Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE). La violencia del narcotráfico y el crimen organizado ha dejado en los últimos tres años más de 15.000 personas asesinadas en México. □

Venezuela:

Restringen electricidad para centros comerciales

CARACAS (AP) - El gobierno impuso controles para el uso de la electricidad en las zonas residenciales, comercios e industrias y restringió el suministro de energía para los centros comerciales y casinos, ante el déficit de electricidad que enfrenta el país como consecuencia de una prolongada sequía.

El gobierno impuso a partir del martes una serie de regulaciones para obligar a las industrias, comercios y centros residenciales a ahorrar electricidad ya que de lo contrario sufrirán recargos en el pago de la factura del servicio.

La nueva regulación, que fue publicada el martes en la Gaceta Oficial, prevé que las industrias pesadas que demanden más de 5 megavatios, y las empresas, comercios y centros residenciales que usen 2 megavatios, deberán imponer un plan de ahorro energético que implique una reducción de 20% en el consumo de energía, en comparación con igual período del año anterior.

Los usuarios tendrán un plazo de 30 días, contados a partir del martes, para presentar su

plan de ahorro energético ante las autoridades que definirán la fecha de ejecución, según señala la normativa.

El incumplimiento del plan de ahorro energético implicará un “recargo tarifario de 20% sobre la factura del mes correspondiente para la primera infracción y 10% adicional por cada reincidencia”, refiere la Gaceta Oficial.

Las restricciones de uso de la electricidad también se extendieron a las vallas y avisos publicitarios que a partir de ahora sólo deberán utilizar “bombillos ahorradores” y tubos fluorescentes de menor potencia.

El Ministerio de Energía Eléctrica acordó además que a partir del primero de enero los centros comerciales sólo podrán disponer del suministro de electricidad entre las 11 de la mañana y 9 de la noche. Los bingos y casinos sólo tendrán suministro entre las 6 de la tarde y 12 de la noche. De no cumplirse los horarios, los centros comerciales, casinos y bingos podrán ser sancionados con cortes del servicio por 24 horas, o 72 si reinciden. □

En Colombia

Uribe ordena rescate militar de secuestrados

BOGOTA (AP) - El presidente Alvaro Uribe dijo el martes que ha ordenado el rescate militar de todos los retenidos en manos de las guerrillas de las FARC, medida que generó zozobra y angustia en las familias de los secuestrados.

La declaración de Uribe se produjo luego que presuntos rebeldes de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (FARC) plagiaran a Luis Fernando Cuéllar, gobernador del departamento de Caquetá, al sur del país. Las FARC tienen en su poder a por lo menos una veintena de militares y policías, algunos de ellos con 12 años de cautiverio. En abril pasado, las guerrillas anunciaron en un comunicado que liberaría al cabo del ejército Pablo Emilio Moncayo, retenido tras un ataque de los rebeldes a un puesto militar al suroeste del país. A fines de junio, las FARC dijeron en otro pronunciamiento que liberarían al soldado Josué Daniel Calvo Núñez, capturado el 20 de abril pasado también al sur del país. Esas liberaciones no se han concretado, mientras gobierno y rebeldes se recriminan mutuamente por los retrasos. Las familias de los secuestrados siempre se han opuesto a un rescate temiendo por la vida de sus seres queridos. □

España suspende licencia a Air Comet

Miles de pasajeros con problemas para volar a América Latina antes de la Navidad

MADRID (Reuters) - España suspendió el martes la licencia de Air Comet por insolvencia luego de que varios de sus aviones fueran embargados por la justicia británica ante el impago de deudas, lo que dejó a miles de pasajeros con problemas para volar a América Latina antes de la Navidad.

El Ministerio de Fomento español dijo que comenzó a hacerse cargo de los clientes afectados por la suspensión de vuelos de Air Comet, que conecta Madrid con varias capitales latinoamericanas.

El ministerio dijo que asumía "de forma subsidiaria y con cargo a Air Comet, la obligación de traslado a su destino de pasajeros" durante los días 23, 24, 25 y 26 de diciembre.

Tras una reunión con compañías que vuelan regularmente a Latinoamérica para encontrar asientos, el ministerio

constató que los vuelos programados registran una ocupación máxima, por lo que trabaja para contratar nuevos aviones.

Según datos oficiales, actualmente hay unos 1.500 pasajeros varados en el aeropuerto de Madrid. Cientos de pasajeros pasaron la noche allí esperando una solución.

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Pasajeros varados esperan en los mostradores de la línea Air Comet en Madrid, diciembre 22 2009. REUTERS/Juan Medina

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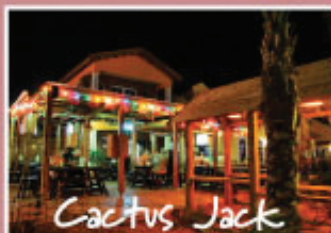


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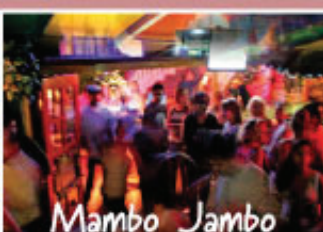
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